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The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions received from potential offerors.

Question 1: Review of the RFP N00173-02-R-MS12 indicates that some of the labor categories require the proposed employee to have or be eligible for a Secret or Top Secret Clearance. A quick perusal of the work covered suggests much of it could easily be Top Secret. It is difficult, if not impossible today to obtain a Top Secret clearance quickly. Is a Top Secret clearance a requirement, or can it be omitted?

Answer 1: Under Attachment 3, Personnel Qualifications a Secret or Top Secret clearance is required for certain labor categories. The offeror is not required to have a Top Secret clearance to submit a proposal but must be able to obtain a Top Secret clearance as needed for those labor categories stated in the Personnel Qualifications.

Question 2: (Reference: Attachment No. 3 "Personnel Qualifications", Mechanical Engineer Labor Category) Will the Government allow an equivalent Bachelor degree to substitute for the requirement of a Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering? This would also apply to the Associate degree.

Answer 2: Yes, a degree in a science or engineering field can be substituted for the requirement of a degree in Mechanical Engineering in both, the Bachelor and the Associate degrees.

Question 3: (Reference: Attachment No. 3 "Personnel Qualifications", Aerospace Engineer Labor Category) Will the Government allow an equivalent Bachelor degree to substitute for the requirement of a Bachelor in Aeronautical Engineering? This would also apply to the Associate degree.

Answer 3: Yes, a degree in a science or engineering field can be substituted for the requirement of a degree in Aeronautical Engineering in both, the Bachelor and Associate degrees.

Question 4: (Reference: Attachment No. 3 "Personnel Qualifications", Interdisciplinary Scientist) Would the Government allow a Masters degree with 5 years experience as an equivalent for the Ph.D.?

Answer 4: No, a Ph.D degree in Physics, Math, Electrical, Aerospace Engineering, or computer related field is required.

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Question 5: (Reference: Clause H-3 "Level of Effort", Page 9, Hours) Did the Government intend for the hours to read 3,840 rather than 3,440 for the categories of Electronics Engineer, Aerospace Engineer, and Interdisciplinary Scientist?

Answer 5: Yes, H-3 Level of Effort, Section k is corrected to read:

(k) The anticipated breakdown by labor category of the total level of effort is as follows:

Labor Category	Basic Award and each Option, if exercised
Electronics Engineer	3840
Aerospace Engineer	3840
Mechanical Engineer	1920
Interdisciplinary Scientist	3840
Technician	1920
Computer Scientist	1920
Total	17,280

Question 6: (Reference: Past Performance) Is there a requirement for past performance reports to be submitted to NRL in support of a response to the Solicitation?

Answer 6: Past Performance reports are not required with submission of your proposal. Past performance will be evaluated as part of the Technical/Management evaluation factor.

Question 7: Paragraph H-2 identifies Electronics Engineer as a key labor category. How many resumes are required to satisfy the key labor category requirement?

Answer 7: Two people are required for the Electronics Engineer, therefore two resumes are required.

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Question 8: Paragraph H-3(k) states that the level of effort for Electronics Engineer, Aerospace Engineer, and Interdisciplinary Scientist is 3440 hours each, which represents 1.8 (3440/3840) man years per year. Is this correct?

Answer 8: The hours are incorrect; see answer to question 5 above.

Question 9: Under Attachment 3, Personnel Qualifications, Electronics Engineer. May another science or engineering degree (or degree with additional experience) be substituted for a Bachelor of Electronics or Electrical Engineering if the proposed candidate meets the minimum experience?

Answer 9: A degree in a science or engineering field can be substituted for the requirement of a degree in Electronics or Electrical Engineering in both, the Bachelor and Associate degrees.

Question 10: Under Attachment 3, Personnel Qualifications, Aerospace Engineer. May another Bachelor of Science or engineering degree (or degree with additional experience) be substituted for a Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering if the proposed candidate meets the minimum experience?

Answer 10: See answer to question 3.

Question 11: Under Attachment 3, Personnel Qualifications, Mechanical Engineer. May another Bachelor of Science or engineering degree (or degree with additional experience) be substituted for a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering if the proposed candidate meets the minimum experience?

Answer 11: See answer to question 2.